

McHenry County Animal Control & Adoption Center: Dealing With Wildlife

MCAC does not have the required permits to deal with any wildlife animals other than those posing an immediate threat/public health issue (such as a bat dwelling) or those that are sick and injured. We cannot respond to wildlife nuisance problems, such as skunks residing under your porch or other wildlife residing in your windowsills. To resolve these problems, visit <https://www.wildlifeillinois.org/> for more information and further directions. Neither MCAC nor the McHenry County Department of Health have legal permission to deal with wildlife unless they pose a serious threat or are sick/injured.

Bats can carry rabies and can transmit rabies to both humans and pets. Bats are crucial for ecological stability, but can pose a risk to public health if not dealt with correctly. If you have been exposed to a bat in your dwelling, report it to MCAC. For more information on bats as a carrier of disease, visit www.cdc.gov/rabies/.

For farm animals, equine, licensed breeders, or retail pet stores, call the Illinois Department of Agriculture at 217.524.6858, or visit <https://www.agr.state.il.us/>.

Additional Resources

General Information:

[Illinois Department of Natural Resources](#)

[Flint Creek Wildlife](#)

[Urban Coyote Research Project](#)

About Rabies:

[Rabies Publications - CDC](#)

Orphaned and Injured Wildlife:

[What to do with Orphaned Wildlife - Howell Nature Center](#)

[What To Do If You Find Baby Wildlife - National Wildlife Federation](#)

[Found an Orphaned or Injured Baby Wild Animal? - Humane Society](#)

[Find a Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator](#)